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Identify the author's **primary audience**.
How do you know?

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Evaluate the **effectiveness of the author's evidence**, citing specific text. Include, if appropriate, issues relating to the credibility, relevance, timeliness, and authoritativeness of the material.